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Wednesday night,

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Hi Everybody,

How is everything back in the good old home town? Recieved your cards & my birthday present yesterday. Thanks a million. I sure did need this pen. maybe now you will be able to read my letters without much trouble.

Yesterday was the big day. we had planned a party for all the boys in our Company who had shot good down on the Range. little did they know that it was my birthday. somehow or other the boys in our barrack found out it was my birthday. Walk was thrue the party the all sang Happy Birthday to you. Boy it sure was a surprise. & it did make me feel funny.

The fellows down here are all real scouts.

& great guys to be with. Last night a few of my pals had our pictures taken. I will send you one, if they come out any good at all.

The food down here is O.K. I have gained 8 pounds, now weigh 127. I have learned to eat (Carrots) (make sure) may also this, Carrots, Beets, peas, all kinds of beans, & about every kind of meat that grows. The only things I can't eat are onions, cabbage, & squash

We went on a 15 mile hike over night Monday night, boy it was some hike. We slept out in tents that ground sure was hard. We are going on a 25 mile overnight hike tomorrow night. It is one of the hardest hikes in our cycle. If we last this one we will last all of them.

We are now on our 7th week back, only 7 more togo. Then we will leave this state of Georgia, we don't

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Know exactly where we are going, but I think it will be up North some where. There is a chance we will get up as far as Penn. Received a Box of Brownies from aunt Madge yesterday. Boy were they good. The fellows all went for them in a ~~food~~ Big way. Received Em's letter Saturday & was glad to hear from good old Vandyville. Got some presents from home also, they sure did come in handy. Went swimming Sunday & what a tan I got. Look like some what of Souther now.

Sure do miss that ball games, hope the Sokes keep up there. Time to wash some of my clothes. Please write as often as possible.

Love Dick